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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claim 31, the following rewritten versions of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

31. (Amended) The antiviral compound according to claim 17, wherein said anionic-containing moiety is selected from the group consisting of:

- Ar(SO₃)_{n1};
- ArX¹(CH₂)_nSO₃;
- (CH₂)_n⁺NMe₃;
- Ar(N⁺Me₃)_{n1};
- Ar(CH₂N⁺Me₃)_{n1};
- ArX²P(=O)(OR)₂;
- ArX²P(=O)(OR)(NR¹R¹);
- Ar[P(=O)(OR)₂]_{n1};